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### Shade Trees for Highways.

Some of the citizens of Waycross, Ga., some time ago started an agitation in favor of the planting of trees along the public highways. The movement has progressed until many of the landowners in Ware county, in adjoining counties also, have become interested. Half a dozen or more of these men, who are owners of extensive tracts have begun planting trees along the roads which border or pass through their lands. In most instances they are setting out pecan trees at a distance of sixty feet apart, the idea being that the pecans will be valuable to future generations.

Trees along a roadside add immensely to comfort of travelers and the attractiveness of the landscape at those seasons of the year when traveling is most general. To the overland tourist, or to those who must traverse the highway for more utilitarian purposes, an avenue of trees in midsummer is as "the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." When the roads were first constructed it would have been a simple matter in many localities to leave a row of trees on each side, but this did not occur to the majority of our roadbuilders. In consequence there are many miles of highway almost utterly unrelieved by anything in the shape of a tree.

The question of shade trees for highways has been a theme of academic discussion for a long time, but in few instances has there been any tangible result. Some of the citizens of Georgia, it appears, have arrived at the proper stage of enthusiasm to supplant theoretical debate with practical work. As supplementary to the good roads agitation now prevalent in Georgia the tree-planting idea is commendable. Good roads and shady roads form a very desirable combination, especially during such weather as has prevailed lately over so large a portion of the United States.—*Courier-Journal.*

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Among other peoples there is no such interest. When there is a violent change or a great excess of heat or cold, some few of the more exact may talk of degrees, but normally weather is good or bad, hot or cold, oppressive or refreshing. There is no such elaborate detail as to heat units and humidity as Americans delight in.

This American interest in weather probably had its beginning in the conditions which the colonies confronted. Coming from a relative mild and equable climate, they must have found the changeable violence of New England weather a serious problem. It wrecked their crops. It assailed their lives. It was a fierce foe, the most terrible ally of the wilderness.

But the pioneer days are long past, and we still talk about the weather and watch with unflagging interest the drama it plays about us. It may be very well that this is the unconscious recognition of an important relation between our race and the weather. It may be that our collective intuition tells us that much that makes Americans what they are is the result of our tonic air and the violent excitement of the system produced by the great variations of our weather. Perhaps the key to what America is and is to be is in the hands of the meteorologist.

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